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From the Young Men's Missionary Society of Furman University,
To the Society of Inquiry of Princeton Theo Sem

Beloved Brethren in Christ,

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter, and to comply with Your request, concerning the number of our members, plan of operations, &c, by giving You as near as we can the information on these points. We have some thirty nine members and expect to recieve others from time to time. The period of our existence as a Society has been so brief that we have as yet no definite plan of operations. In course of time however we hope to adopt such a plan as will be efficient in advancing the Redeemers Kingdom. At present our funds are paid over to the Southern Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, to be applied as the Board think proper. We meet monthly, when an address or essay on some subject of a missionary bearing is delivered or read by some member previously appointed. A collection is then taken up in behalf of the objects of the Society. We take the missionary papers North and South, by means of which and the Missionary Library we are forming, we hope to diffuse among our members a spirit of inquiry

on the subject of missions. Our Institution has sent out three missionaries to the heathen Countries, two of whom are now labouring in China, the other has returned to this country – Rev. J Roberts from whom the leader of the Chinese Revolution is said to have received his first religious instruction was educated at this Institution. There are several of our present number who have been considering for some time the important step of becoming missionaries, and we have no doubt but what in due time they will carry out their present purposes – The religious condition of our University is very good. Students prayer meetings are held Saturday evenings and sunday mornings, and are very well attended. The pious portion of our students is very respectable, and exercise a good influence over the non professing portion –

We shall be glad to receive from You similar information respecting Your society

Yours in Christian love

J. G. Williams.

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